



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced above average temperatures last week with very few isolated thunderstorms. Dryland crops continue to show signs of heat and drought stress. However, field crops under heavy irrigation continue to progress nicely. The warm, dry weather allowed farmers 5.8 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	45	28	2
Last Week	23	38	32	2
Last Year	27	49	24	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	40	43	17	0
Last Week	34	43	23	0
Last Year	26	46	28	0

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest reached completion by the end of last week. Spring wheat was 100 percent at or beyond headed and 75 percent at or beyond turning color with 10 percent harvested. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. Spring barley was 85 percent at or beyond turning color and 11 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 30, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	1	7	27	43	22
Spring Barley	1	6	24	48	21

**Row Crops:** The corn crop has reached 55 percent at or beyond the silked stage and 6 percent at or beyond the dough stage. The crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached 44 percent headed last week with 3 percent turning color. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes are

currently rated in excellent to good condition. The sugarbeet crop is rated in good to fair condition. The dry onion crop is also rated in good to fair condition. Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were 70 percent at or beyond the flowered stage by week's end. Dry beans were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers are rated in good to fair condition.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 30, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	10	36	45	6
Sorghum	1	11	32	55	1

**Hay:** Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 62 percent of the crop at or beyond the second cutting. The crop is currently rated in fair to good condition.

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions declined due to near record temperatures and little rainfall.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures. Along with early weaning, producers continue to cull herds to relieve overgrazing of depleted pastures and rangeland.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 30, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	35	32	27	6	0
Prev. Year - 2005	12	29	41	16	2
5-Year Avg.	22	23	28	25	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 30, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	100	97	99	98
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	100	98	100	100
Turning color	75	50	68	77
Harvested	10	0	13	22
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning color	85	70	73	83
Harvested	11	0	7	18
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	55	33	54	56
Dough	6	1	1	5
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	44	33	23	21
Turning color	3	0	0	0
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	62	51	70	58
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	70	53	31	48

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Sunflower</b>	4	12	35	48	1
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>	7	18	35	31	9
<b>Dry Onions</b>	3	4	26	46	21
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	6	16	24	46	8
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	3	7	5	42	43
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	12	20	48	20
<b>Dry Beans</b>	3	8	24	60	5

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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